

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of )  
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**Bock et al.** )  
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Serial No. Unassigned ) Group Art Unit: Unassigned  
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Filed: Herewith ) Examiner: Unassigned  
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FOR: "**HUMAN ANTITHROMBIN IIIIS** )  
**AND METHODS RELATED** )  
**THERETO”** )

## **PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Prior to the issuance of an Office Action pertaining to the accompanying continuation application, which claims priority to application Serial No. 09/305,588, filed on May 5, 1999, which was filed from provisional patent application Serial No. 60/0085,197, filed May 12, 1998, please enter the following preliminary amendment and consider the following remarks.

## IN THE SPECIFICATION

In the specification at page 1, under "Human Antithrombin III's And Methods Related Thereto," delete the paragraph on lines 7-8, and insert therefore the following replacement

paragraph. A marked-up copy of the new paragraph, showing the nature of the amendments, is attached herewith in Appendix A.

-- This application is a continuation application of and claims priority to U.S. Patent Application No. 09/305,588, filed May 5, 1999, which claims priority to U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial Number 60/085,197, filed May 12, 1998, both of which are hereby incorporated by this reference in their entirety.--

**IN THE CLAIMS**

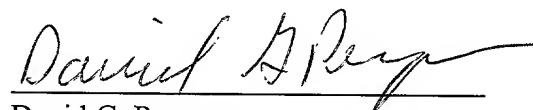
Please cancel claims 16-49 without prejudice.

**REMARKS**

The specification is amended herein to update the priority claim for this application. It is believed that no new matter has been added by this amendment, and applicants respectfully request entry of same into the present application.

No fee is believed due; however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 14-0629.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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## Appendix A

### Marked-up Copy of Replacement Paragraph

The paragraph on page 1, lines 7-8 of the specification has been amended as shown below.

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